

Claims

1. A casing for a handheld device providing a face for providing an input region having a defined viewing axis and having an audio axis, the casing
5 providing for speaker and microphone outlets spaced along the audio axis, the audio axis being substantially aligned with a greatest span of the face.
2. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 1 wherein the greatest span is a diagonal across the face.
- 10 3. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the face has one elongate and one truncated diagonal.
4. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 3 wherein the
15 truncated diagonal runs terminates at a rounded corner.
5. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 3 wherein the truncated diagonal terminates at a rounded corner at both extremities.
- 20 6. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with claim 5 wherein the rounded corners provide two sweeping sides.
7. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any preceding claim wherein the greatest span of the face terminates at a point.
- 25 8. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any preceding claim wherein the greatest span of the face terminates at a point at both extremities.
9. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any preceding claim
30 wherein the intersection occurs in the display region of the face

10. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any preceding claim wherein the display region is substantially in the centre of the face.
11. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any preceding claim
5 wherein the intersection occurs at the input region of the display.
12. A casing for a handheld device in accordance with any preceding claim wherein the face is generally rectangular.
- 10 13. A handheld telecommunications device having a casing according to any preceding claim.
14. A handheld telecommunications device according to claim 13 wherein the viewing axis and audio axis are misaligned such that rotation of the audio
15 axis in the face of the casing for alignment of the speaker and microphone outlets with the ear and mouth respectively of the user when moving from the viewing to the listening position is greater than that required for alignment of the viewing axis with the ear and mouth.
- 20 15. A handheld telecommunications device according to claim 13 wherein the device can be held in the hand in the proper orientation for viewing the display and lifted to the ear in proper orientation for audio communication whilst maintaining substantially the same alignment of the fingers relative to the direction of the lower arm of the user.
- 25 16. A casing for a handheld device providing a face for providing an input region having a defined viewing axis and having an audio axis, the casing providing for speaker and microphone outlets spaced along the audio axis, the audio axis being substantially misaligned with respect to the viewing axis,
30 the audio and viewing axes intersecting on the face.

17. A casing substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to Figures 1 to 5, 7 and 8 or Figures 5 to 8.

18. A handheld telecommunications device substantially as hereinbefore
5 described with reference to Figures 1 to 5, 7 and 8 or Figures 5 to 8.